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Crime wave hits RSC

Auto thefts are chief concern among students, district safety

By Jason Lamm
el Don Staff Writer

Over the past six months 15 cars have been stolen and more than 20 personal property thefts have been reported in the Rancho Santiago College District according to district safety officials.

"It's like they're out there shopping," said J.R. Johnson, director of district safety. "Sometimes it runs in cycles. Some months they target a certain make and model of car."

On the Centennial Campus, almost every employee has had their vehicle broken into and items stolen.

"My car has been broken into seven times since 1988," said Scott Barrett, a video engineer who works on the Centennial Campus. "Everything from stereos being taken to windows broken."

Car thefts and break-ins are not limited to new cars.

There are probably more old cars stolen than new cars, according to Johnson.

These car thieves often strike during the day, according to Johnson.

"The last time my car was broken into I caught the guys," Barrett said. "It was 4 p.m. and I had been here (Centennial Campus) for 30 minutes. I had to run out to my car for my studio keys and I saw two guys. One of them was in my car. I confronted the guys and took two speakers away from one guy. The other one ran off with my stereo and the one in my car pulled a screw driver on me."

"I had journalism 121 and when I came out at 9 p.m. my truck was gone," said Carlos Rosas, a communications major at RSC. "I was in shock. I was just wondering why they woiuld want to steal my truck because it was a piece of junk. But I had a lot of stereo equipment in it."

A staff of 10 officers and five

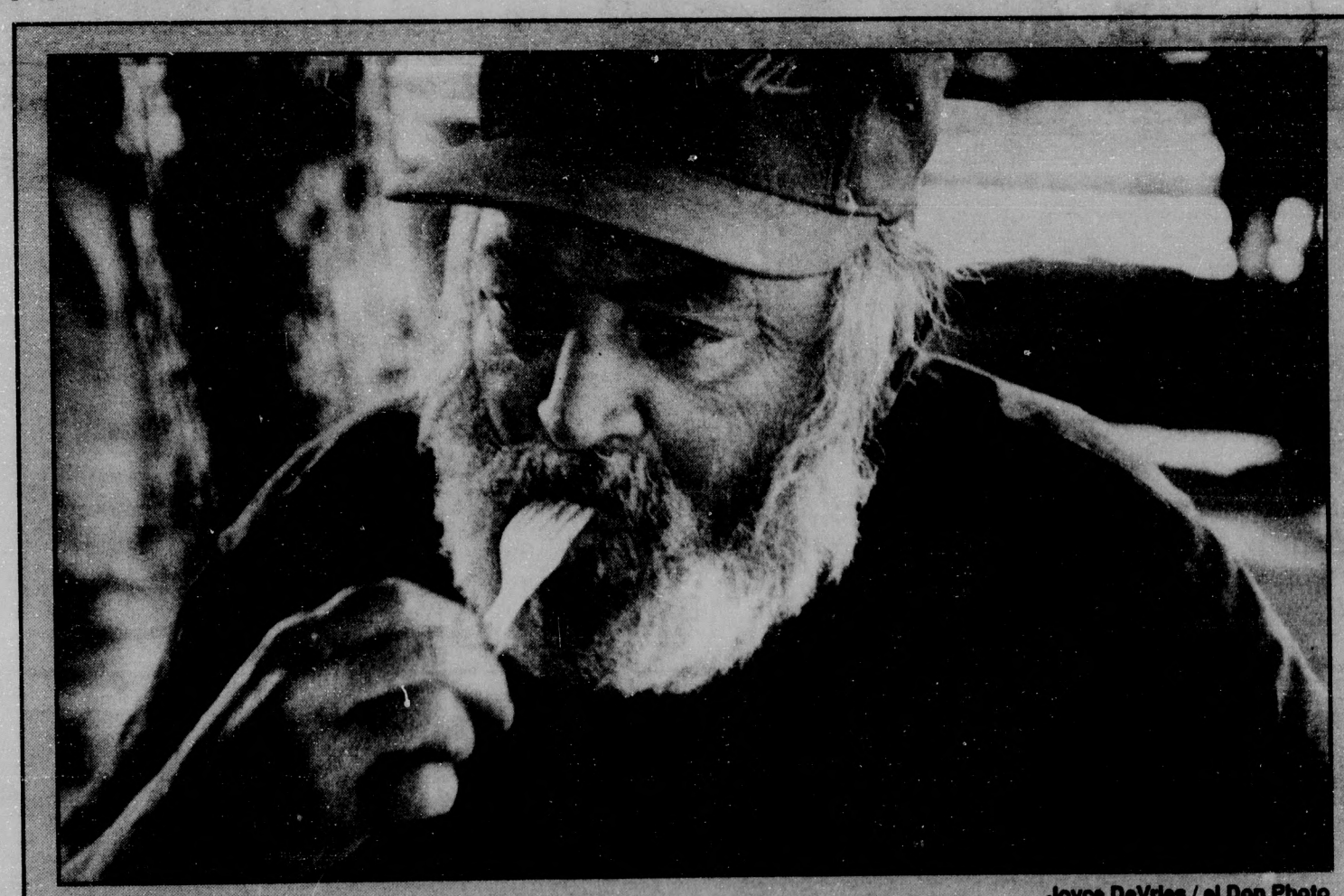
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Stealing and cheating: it's the campus way

By Diana Smith
Special to el Don

If you've ever wondered who commits crime on campus, look around. It could be the woman sitting next to you in class, or the guy who lives down the hallway in the dormitory. Then again, it could be you.

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HELPING THE HUNGRY
Dearl Pendergrass is one of many men, women and children who depend on feeding stations like the Southwest Community Center for their survival.

O.C. group provides more than food

By Jason Lamm
el Don Staff Writer

In the early morning and at noon her men line up outside the kitchen window of what was once a pet store. They are ragged and dirty but patient. There is no pushing or shoving. Some shuffle their feet and smoke cigarettes but for the most part they are still. There is little talk.

"I call all the guys my men," said Jean, volunteer coordinator for the Southwest Minority Economic Development Association. She asked that her last name not be used. "I enjoy it. I do all the parties except Christmas."

Men, women and children pick up the clothing that is piled high on the long redwood picnic tables. The clothing is free and has been donated from around Orange County.

Inside the building, a staff of five employees and 20 volunteers are preparing food bags, working in the kitchen to prepare lunch and checking in people.

"The bag of food is part of our meal deal," said Tyrone Tripp, president of SMEDA. "Every Friday people can pick up a $30 to $35 bag of food for $8. All they need is a referral from Social Security, any school, mission or church."

According to Trip, the bags contain mostly canned and dry goods - cereal, canned fruit, meat and diapers.

"My mother started feeding people in 1969," Jean said. "I've worked here ever since. My first great-grandson was

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Outstanding RSC graduates inducted into hall of fame

By Roger Denman
el Don News Editor

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Three of Rancho Santiago College's most distinguished alumni were inducted into the Rancho Santiago College Foundation's Hall of Fame for their outstanding achievements and service to the community on Monday.

The event, which took place at the wall of fame in the Nealley Library, honored the efforts of Santa Ana College graduates Maureen Rischard, Larry Holcombe, and Mike Hairston.

"I look at the Hall of Fame and hope that my name will be there some day."
Ignacio Muniz
ASG president

The recipients had their photographs and a caption describing their accomplishments under glass on the wall of the library.

RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins began the ceremony by explaining the criteria for electing the honorees.

"To be eligible, a nominee to the Hall of Fame must be a graduate from the school, have at least ten years worth of experience in the work force, and have documented achievements in both community service as well as in the business world," said Blevins.

"These people have touched thousands of lives in so many ways," said RSC Trustee Brian Conley.

"This proves that there is life after Rancho. I look at this (Hall of Fame) and hope that my name will be there some day," Muniz said.

Rischard was elected to the hall for her service to the community of Tustin, which included volunteer

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Home At Last

The country's largest shelter for homeless women and children will open in early December on South Lemon Street. The House of Hope will provide shelter, child care, health care, vocational training and a private high school to 20 women and 25 children. The maximum stay in the shelter will be 18 months, hopefully allowing enough time for the women to step away from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

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There will be no classes on Thursday Nov. 25 and Friday Nov. 26. All RSC campuses will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a great turkey day!

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Spring Is Here

RSC spring class schedules are here! The new schedule is now on sale at the RSC bookstore for $1. Early spring telephone registration begins Nov. 29 so start planning for the 1994.

New Student Center

The Latino Student Center is slated to open next month. An open house on Dec. 8 will allow RSC students to become familiar with the services made available for Latinos. If you have any questions regarding the center you may contact Marquerite Albanez, co-director for the center at ext. 6272.

Compiled by
Shannon D. Eastman

CRIME: cheating as a way of life

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A series of surveys conducted by a University of Nebraska criminal justice professor indicate that a majority of American students - more than 50 percent candidly admit to stealing money and property, driving drunk, cheating on tests and vandalizing property, to mention a few crimes.

Even mofe surprising are results that indicate most students also consider themselves to be good citizens and think the ''real'' criminals should be given harsher punishments for their crimes. And the problem isn't confined to the United States. A survey of students in New Zealand produced similar results.

''The students view themselves to be high-minded, law-abiding citizens, yet their behavior indicates otherwise,'' said Chris Eskridge, who teaches at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

In the surveys, 3,417 students at the University of Nebraska-Omaha were queried over an eight-year period (1984-91) about whether they ever had committed any of 22 criminal acts. A group of 542 students at the University of Canterbury at Christchurch, New Zealand answered the same questionnaire in March and April 1992. Eskridge compared the data and presented his findings at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in February.

· 81 percent of the Americans and 52 percent of the New Zealanders cheated on a test.

· 64 percent of the Americans said they had stolen items from motels or hotels, while only 42 percent of New Zealanders said they had done so.

"The winners write the rules, not the losers...I think the whole country is moving in that direction. We're a nation of lying, cheating thieves."

Chris Eskridge
University of Nebraska-Omaha

· 53 percent of Americans smoked marijuana, compared with 51 percent of New Zealanders.

· 11 percent of the Americans said they had stolen from their roommates, compared with 9 percent of New Zealanders.

· 20 percent of Americans said they had carried a concealed weapons, while 17 percent of the New Zealanders admitted doing so.

· 20.7 percent of American women students said they had been raped, compared with 17.6 percent of the female New Zealanders.

However, only 6.4 percent of the American men students said they had forced a woman to have sex against her will, with 4.7 percent of New Zealand men admitting to the crime.

Eskridge said he found the statistics ''extremely disturbing,'' although he suspected that students of the 1980s and 1990s just may be more upfront about their criminal activity than those of previous generations. ''I don't know if young people are lying and cheating any more than their parents did.

It's just that we're more aware of it now,'' he said.

The statistics that Eskridge said he found the most disturbing were the ones that indicated some ''cognitive dissonance'' on the part of students who feel that their own criminal behavior is fine, but others' is not. Eighty-seven percent of the American students and 81 percent of the New Zealand students said they considered themselves to be law-abiding citizens, and 74 percent of the Americans and 65 percent of the New Zealanders advocated giving harsher penalties to criminals.

Although most people consider themselves scrupulously honest, Eskridge said the truth is that everybody cheats a little now and then. Managers take home pens from the office; workers shave an extra 20 minutes from their eight-hour days; parents do their kids' homework.

''The manager of the convenience store embezzles; the kid steals a Twinkie from the store,'' he said. ''People steal in ways that are available to them.''

Eskridge should know. Before becoming a college professor, he worked in the white-collar crime division of an attorney general's office, so the results of the surveys weren't entirely surprising.

''It's disheartening, and it's troublesome ... But is there any difference between the robber barons of the 1880s and the robber barons of the 1980s? They get away with it; kids see that.

''Isn't that part of the American way? Get away with it ... The winners write the rules, not the losers.'' ''I think the whole country is moving in that direction.

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SMEDA: over 800 meals served daily

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here for the Halloween party."

It is a typical day at SMEDA. By the end of the day over 800 meals will have been served, said Tripp. The men, women and children who receive them will eat out of doors at long red picnic tables under a 100-year-old tree.

"In the summer we would die without this tree," said Delores Graham. "I used to come here a long time ago when I was on the streets."

At the edge of the shade cast by the patio cover there are several large metal racks, the kind that markets use to display bread and potato chips.

Every Friday is bread day, said Tripp. The rack is filled with bread, all of which is donated and will be gone by the end of the day.

The association was started in 1969 by Annie Mae Tripp, Tyrone Tripp's aunt. Their motto of not judging people has not changed in 24 years.

"We do not judge," Tripp said. "There is a lady who drives a brand new cadillac who comes here for the bread. She parks it around the corner and comes here. We do not judge."

However, other organizations are not quite as lenient. All across Orange County, they are taking names, making lists and cross checking them to eliminate duplication. Its the typical holiday season for the charities of Orange County.

Donations are way down this year because of the recession, according to Pearl S. Raya, center coordinator for Corbin Community Center.

The CCC receives the food that it places into food baskets and distributes to the needy in Orange County from the Community Development Council of Orange County.

"We asked for enough food for 500 families," said Raya. "We got enough for 96 families. Normally we help 500 to 800 families by giving them food baskets."

In order to distribute the food baskets fairly, Raya asked each of the outreach workers to give her a list of 20 names of families that are needy.

"Then I'll add 20 names of my own," Raya said. "The outreach workers are new and they may not know the full circumstances of each family. I know who is really in need and I'll make sure they get on the list."

People who come to the CCC and ask for help are given a thorough intake interview. They are asked questions about family size and whether or not someone in the family is working among other questions. Evaluations of their needs are based on the information given, said Raya.

In the past they passed out food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, according to Raya. Because of the drop in donations they are now taking names of people who want to receive a Christmas food basket. Anyone asking for a Thanksgiving basket is being referred to the Santa Ana Rescue Mission.

"We cross check the names on our list with the Salvation Army and other organizations," Raya said. "We tell people not to sign up with anyone else because if we find out we will drop them from our list. It's very frustrating because sometimes they sign up with more than one organization and then we have to take them off our list."

"If someone comes in at the last minute and they are in a bad way we will submit their names," Raya said.

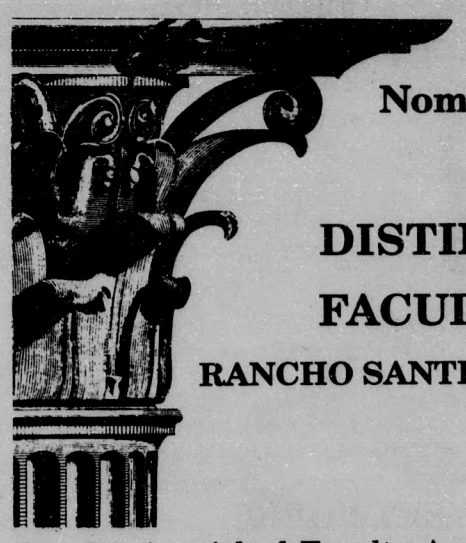
According to Raya, CCC also has an Adopt-a-Family Program. The program allows an individual, group, organization, business or

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People are served midday meals seven days a week at the Southwest Community Center in Santa Ana. Along with food, free clothing and other bargains are available.



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student assistants patrol the Santa Ana Campus. At any given time there are usually three to four officers and two to five student assistants on patrolling on foot or by electric cart.

Sometimes student assistants ride around a specific parking lot on bicycles or they are posted in the observation platforms in the parking lots.

"At the beginning of the semester we had a couple of breakins," said Jason Johnston, a parking control officer and a paralegal student at RSC. "We can't arrest anyone. We can only detain them but I've seen them [other officers] detain alot of people."

On occasion, student assistants have been posted on the roof of Dunlap Hall with field glasses to readily identify suspicious activity and the officers patrol that area in an effort to chase thieves off campus.

"We're a deterrent," said Johnson. "We're not going to catch them in the act. The more visible we are the less crime we have."

RSC student Yvonne Lujan said that security on campus is"pretty adequate". However, Lujan also said that the parking lots need more light at night and that the security officers should carry guns.

"Using any kind of security device, like an alarm or a steering wheel lock, like the Club, helps to deter thieves," said Johnson.

"They usually avoid cars with security devices. Having a stereo with a pull out front is also helpful. They will see that the front is gone and just avoid the car."

"I got my truck back a week later. They stole the stereo equipment but it wasn't stripped," said Rosas. "I detached the face plate from my stereo but they stole it anyway. They ripped out the ignition and started it with a screwdriver. It was very clean."

FAME: RSC honors grads at ceremony

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work in Girl Scouts of America and Daughters of the American Revolution.

For these efforts she was named Tustin woman of the year.

Associated Student Government president Ignacio Muniz said that the Hall of Fame is something for present students to strive towards.

Larry Holcombe was elected for his efforts in the care of abused and elected children.

"He is a widely recognized educator of youths in Orange County," said Blevins.

"We the lucky ones that have done well with our lives need to help those who are not as lucky," said Holcombe.

The Hall of Fame Foundation inducted Mike Hairston for his work in health information, injury prevention and his accomplishments in the field of physical therapy.

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family can adopt a family for Christmas.

There are two ways a person can adopt.

They can buy food, clothing and toys for the family based on recommendations from CCC. Afterwards, those things will be put in a basket and delivered to the adopted family. The person or group can deliver the basket themselves or the CCC can deliver it for them. The adoptee will be given a photograph of the family and have an opportunity to meet them.

A person can also adopt by giving anonymously. They can purchase the food and gifts and the CCC will deliver it for them.

In either case the center will see that they get a thank you letter from the family. The deadline to adopt a family is Dec. 10.

SMEDA is also planning special activities for Christmas. They will have a volunteer Santa Claus come in and distribute gifts to the children. All of the gifts were donated.

David Quarterman, a student at RSC who is taking his general education requirements, has volunteered at SMEDA for the past two years.

"I started when I was a junior in high school," Quarterman said. "I come here to help people. You feel good after you help somebody."

Jean echoed his sentiment and pointed out that the people who come here are genuinely in need.

"What makes me feel good is when my men come here and tell me they've got a job and say they're off the street," Jean said. "They sit down and talk to me and I give them a little encouragement."

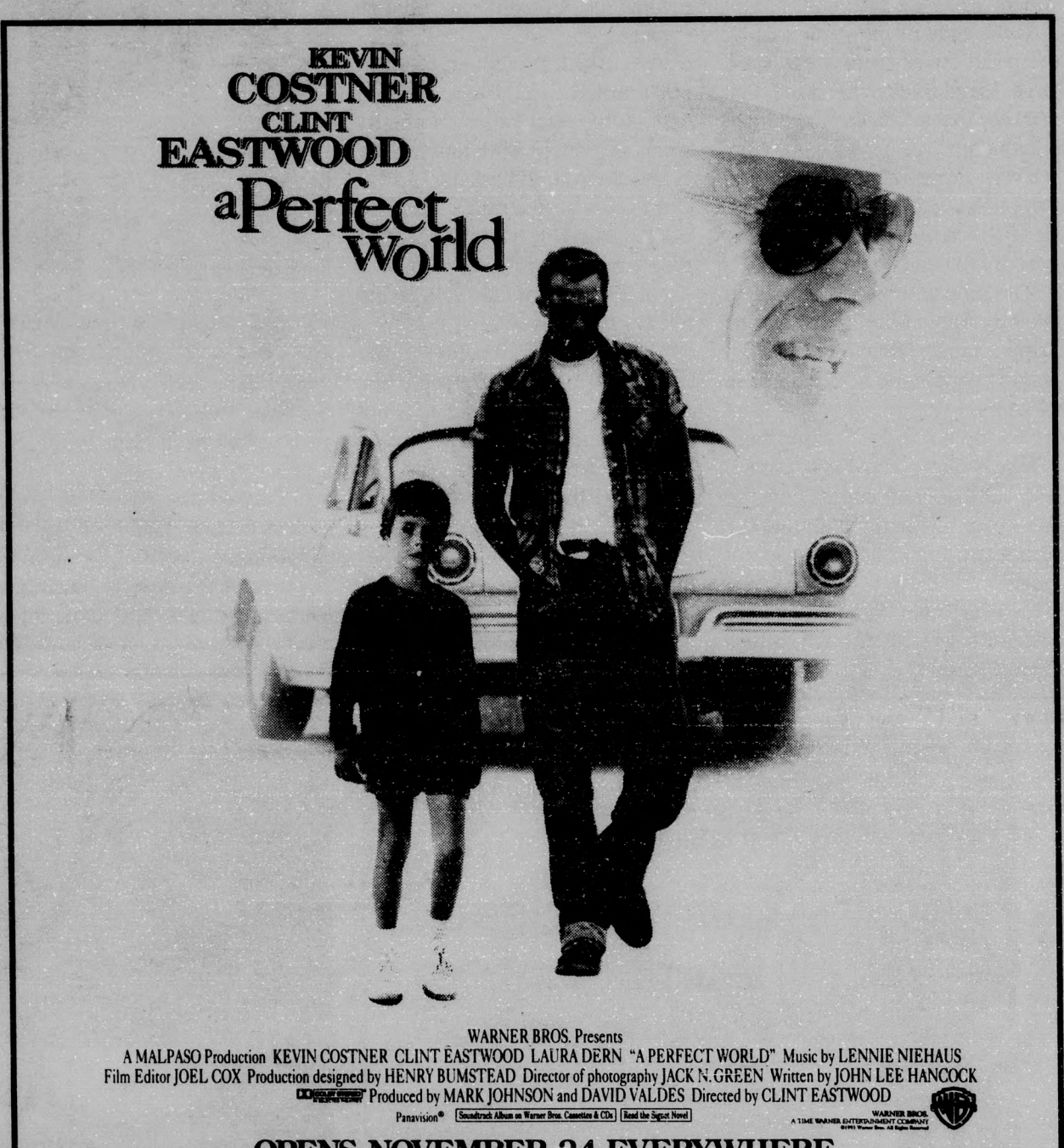
Jana Henke, a senior at Cal State Fullerton who is majoring in sociology, is completing her internship here.

"I spend eight hours a week for 15 weeks at the center," Henke said. "I really like it. I'm seeing these people be given the essentials."

Henke is studying organizational theory in action. Each week, She looks at who comes in to volunteer and how it effects that person and these people.

"This is a pretty tough situation to be in," Henke said. "If you look around there is a pretty genuine need."

Volunteers are needed at charities all over Orange County. The Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County coordinates volunteers for over 700 organizations. according to Elizabeth Hoskins, volunteer coordinator.



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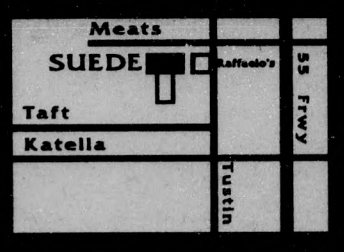
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Remembering JFK

On the eve of the 30th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, college professors and students nationwide debate the young leader's death

By Karen Neustadt
Special to el Don

Nov. 22 marks the end of the third decade since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death still spark debate, not just among assassination buffs, but in college classrooms as well.

On the 30th anniversary of the tragedy that unfolded in Dallas, the nation will be deluged with television clips, newspaper stories and memorial events. Hot debates over the ''lone gunman vs. conspiracy'' theories will be the order of the day.

Colleges and universities throughout the country offer seminars and classes on the subject. In some college classrooms, director Oliver Stone's movie, ''JFK,'' will be watched by many students born more than a decade after the tragedy.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, one professor is wishing the movie craze will end so that students in his class can grasp the objective facts of the case, which he says are far more damning than the movie.

''I do not know what happened to President Kennedy,'' said David Wrone, a professor of history who has taught a course called ''The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy'' for 15 years. ''But I do know that the institutions of America failed us. When we investigate the critical facts of the assassination, the situation is much worse than the theorists pose.''

The 30-year-old murder is a ''crisis in our history,'' said Wrone, who has taught history for 30 years at Wisconsin, and began reading and collecting data a month after the assassination. ''We were a decent and honest and trusting people. But things changed then.''

Wrone contends that the murder was never properly investigated and that society was failed by the media and other institutions that did not investigate to see if government officials were being honest in their investigation of the case.

''Frankly, 'JFK' has been a hindrance to this course. It excites people, it's touchy-feely, warm and fuzzy. And it takes weeks for students to realize that the movie does not articulate the major questions. The movie raises false issues. The valid issues are much more serious and critical than the movie suggests,'' Wrone said.

Most murders are not solved, said Wrone, and 30-year-old murders that are re-opened have a minimal chance of being solved. ''The major point is that the information is so muddled, we can't find out. That's the real crime of Dallas,'' he said.

''I have no trouble packing this class,'' Wrone said. ''Students are stunned when they investigate the facts,'' he said. He noted that former students still write and call him to discuss the assassination.

Wrone blasts the newest book on the Warren Commission report, titled ''Case Closed,'' calling it ''the most dishonest and knowingly corrupt book ever published on the Kennedy assassination.

'' The book says the Warren Commission was correct in its conclusions that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy.

In the city of Dallas, a disquiet still surrounds the historic event.

''The young people in this country are what keep me doing this,'' said Larry Howard, founder of the JFK Center in Dallas, a 6,000-square-foot building that is a repository of assassination information.



''Since the 'JFK' movie, I've received calls and letters that it inspired them to write. I find it very rewarding,'' he said, noting that the center displays a petition with 65,000 names demanding that the case be reopened by local Dallas authorities.

''We're collecting information and evidence,'' Howard said, to prove that Oswald, the rifleman who shot the president, did not act alone. Howard acted as a consultant for Stone in the filming of the ''JFK'' film.

The movie, based on a book researched by Howard and written by a Texas journalist, has fired the imagination of the country's young people, and it may be this generation that finally gets to the truth, Howard said.

At Texas A&M University, a group of 100 students who call themselves ''Aggies for Truth,'' have put their names on the petition. The nation's first college class about the assassination, going strong since 1977 at the University of Texas-Arlington, has attracted the curious - high school students to former CIA agents - since its inception.

The instructor, Jim Marrs, is an former investigative newspaper reporter and author of ''Crossfire: The Plot that Killed Kennedy,'' one of the two books that ''JFK'' was based on. Marrs, a self-confessed conspiracy theorist, has been collecting data on the event since 1963, when he was a police reporter in Lubbock, Texas.

''We get an awful lot of police officers,'' Marrs reported. ''They realize that everything about the investigation was done contrary to standard.''

So many flocked to the Arlington campus after the release of the ''JFK'' film, Marrs said, that the class had to move into an auditorium. There was also an overflow class in 1988, the 25th anniversary of the assassination.

''I'm trying to give them the breadth and depth of the story. From Day One, the reporting was one-sided because the reporters were at the Dallas city hall receiving information from the FBI,'' he said.

Until the American people bother to study the details of the case, Marrs said, they will accept the status-quo thinking on the case. However, as more information is uncovered, he predicts an eventual groundswell of public opinion demanding a re-examination of the Warren Commission Report.

Marrs says he immerses the class in the historical events surrounding the assassination, and has students bone up on the Yalta agreements, the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba, the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency, and America's involvement in Southeast Asia in the '60s.

It was not until a Senate hearing on the assassination in 1984, said Marrs, that the average citizen began to question the happenings in Dallas in November 1963. That's when Marrs' class began to fill.

''In the beginning, when I asked who thought Oswald acted alone, every hand in the room would go up. By the fall of 1984, no one raised their hand,'' said Marrs, noting that a 1984 Senate hearing on the assassination raised questions never heard before by the public.

Marrs, who befriended Oswald's mother after the shooting, said he believes her account of the event, which was that her son did not act alone and was part of a larger plan to remove Kennedy from office. Marrs is convinced that the president met his death because he started to pull troops out of Vietnam.

This fall at Southern Connecticut State University at New Haven, students sat on the edge of their seats as Bob Harris, a former electrical engineer for the Saudi Arabian army and an assassination buff, gave what he calls a ''comedy-scare'' routine in which he laid out what he considers absurd government explanations for Kennedy's death.

The culprit, Harris tells the audience, was the Central Intelligence Agency, acting under the protection of the United States government. Harris, like many conspiracy theorists, believes that there were two gunmen involved in a plot to increase American involvement in Vietnam, and to overthrow Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

At Marquette University in Milwaukee, a new course entitled ''The Kennedy Assassination'' requires students to watch the ''JFK'' film and then compare its version of the event with other accounts. Students grapple with evidence on the assassination that includes eyewitness testimonies and still photographs and learn to make conclusions from conflicting data.

College assassination buffs will be watching Dallas,Nov. 22, when a conference at a downtown hotel near the historic motorcade route where the drama unfolded. The conference, which features discussions, eyewitness accounts, and displays of merchandise and books, is sponsored by the Austin, Texas-based Assassination Symposium on Kennedy. They will hear Norman Mailer, Pulitzer-Prize winning writer and author of a new book on Lee Harvey Oswald, discuss his version of what happened Nov. 22.

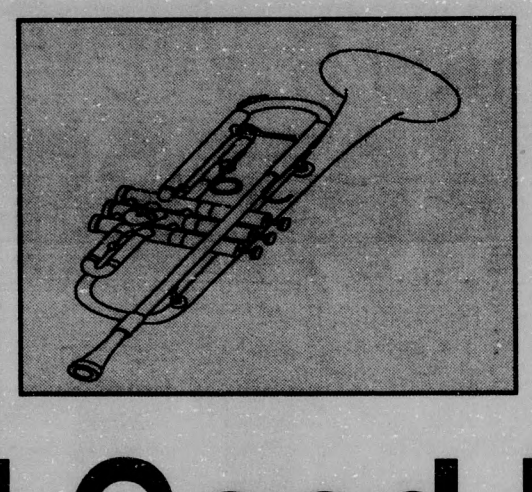
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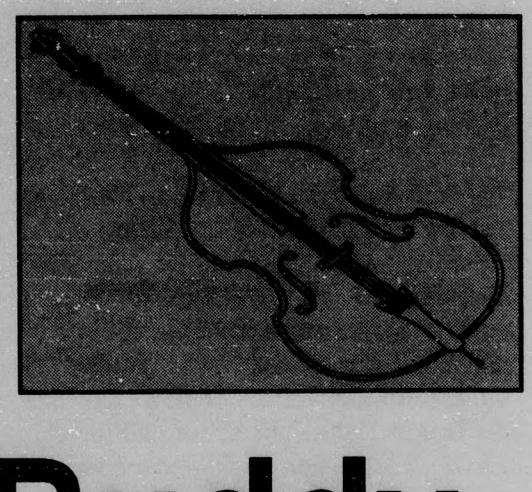
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2. FLESH AND BONE
Paramount
3. ROBOCOP 3
Orion
4. COOL RUNNING
Walt Disney
5. THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
20th Century Fox
6. LOOK WHO'S TALKING NOW
TriStar
7. RUDY
TriStar
8. DEMOLITION MAN
Warner Bros.
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MGM

VIDEO RENTALS
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Paramount
2. DENNIS THE MENACE
Warner
3. COP AND A HALF
MCA/Universal
4. THE SANDLOT
Fox Video
5. ALADDIN
Disney
6. BORN YESTERDAY
Hollywood
7. THREE OF HEARTS
Columbia TriStar
8. TOM AND JERRY-THE MOVIE
LIVE
9. GROUNDHOG DAY
Columbia TriStar
10. LOADED WEAPON I

COLLEGE MUSIC ALBUMS
1. NIRVANA
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Siamese Dream
4. BUFFALO TOM
Big Red Letter Day
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Vs.
6. SOUNDTRACK
Judgment Night
7. CRACKER
Kerosene Hat
8. REVOLTING COCKS
Linger Ficken' Good...
9. LEAMONHEADS
Come On Feel the Leamonheads
10. SWERVEDRIVER
Mezcal Head







A Real Good Buddy



West Coast jazz legend Buddy Collette swings into Phillips Hall Sunday night

By Gabe Serrato
el Don Style Editor

RSC's Instrumental Program blows a different tune this year when it hosts its annual Jazz Concert in Phillips Hall.

RSC students will perform with guest Buddy Collette a key musician on the West Coast scene since the early 1940s. He has recorded over 30 albums as a leader, and is featured on the album "Flute Talk."

Collette, a native Californian, worked for television and radio in Los Angeles during the 1950s where he played the flute, clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone. On the Groucho Marx Show, He was the first black musician to play in a TV studio orchestra.

He has also played with top performers including Frank Sinatra and Duke Ellington.

Presently, he teaches and holds workshops and clinics at some of the best schools in the country.

David Lopez, the new instructor of instrumental music, revised the program to interest RSC students in the jazz program.

In the past, the college's jazz band members were recruited professionals from Orange County, said Lopez.

"The opportunity for Rancho students to perform in an instrumental ensemble, up until this year, has been non-existent," he said.

Even though there has been an annual jazz concert, this one is different. Students will be the main contributors to this event.

"In a sense you can consider this the beginning of a new era in instrumental music at Rancho," said Lopez.

RSC's Jazz Concert is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall on the Santa Ana Campus.

General admission is $8; Students and seniors $6.

IN THE MOOD
(above) Buddy Collette is a renowned jazz musician and will be the guest soloist in RSC's jazz concert. **(right)** David Lopez, RSC's new instructor of instrumental music, is comitted to bringing students back to the college's jazz program.



Cindy Licerio / el Don Photo

Al Pacino makes crime 'Carlito's Way'

By DonEl Lincoln
el Don Staff Writer

Academy award winner Al Pacino *Scent of a Woman* teams once again with director Brian De Palma *Dressed to Kill* and producer Martin Bregman *Serpico* to make "Carlito's Way". This movie is a tough, hard-hitting drama of death and betrayal in the gritty heart of the "Big Apple."

Pacino, in his usual superb form plays Carlito Brigante, a legend in the mean-street barrios of New York City.

Freed on a legal technicality after five years behind bars, Carlito longs to escape his criminal past and begin a new life. He quickly finds out it won't be that easy.

The obligations and instincts ground into him by his environment are what trap him. The habits that formed his character are harder to escape than any prison. Life and karma won't free you on a technicality.

The only real encouragement he receives in his attempts to escape the world he was raised in, come from a lovely dancer played with convincing sincerity by Penelope Ann Miller *Awakenings*.

Helplessly loving Carlito, she sees clearly that he and her heart are on a collision course with tragedy.

Though Carlito's stubborn adherence to his personal code is one of the characteristics that make him so admirable, she knows the code itself is stupid in many ways.

His cause isn't furthered at all by the fact that for all his street-smarts, Carlito's judgment in friends is terrible.

His morally decayed, smooth talking attorney, played to slimy perfection by Sean Penn, *Casualties of War* and other friends whom Carlito treated honorably, all prove deadly liabilities.

Perhaps it's part of writer Edwin Torres cynical concept of human nature.

This brings up an element that audiences will not particularly like about this film. Though you can't deny this picture is a work of art, it is not a "feel good" movie.

It's a shame that all the money and incredible talent spent to produce this film was not used to celebrate and affirm life.

It does, however, applaud admirable qualities exhibited by its hero.

Torres gives the impression that you can't escape your environment, your karma, the fate assigned you at birth.

Your best efforts and most noble actions can't keep you from being ground into the dirt by your past. According to Torres, good guys, even though heroic, are doomed in the end.

Perhaps there is a "tragic beauty" to this kind of thinking. But it isn't for those audiences hoping to feel good at the movies.

However, the idea of predestination doesn't keep this from being a film well worth seeing.

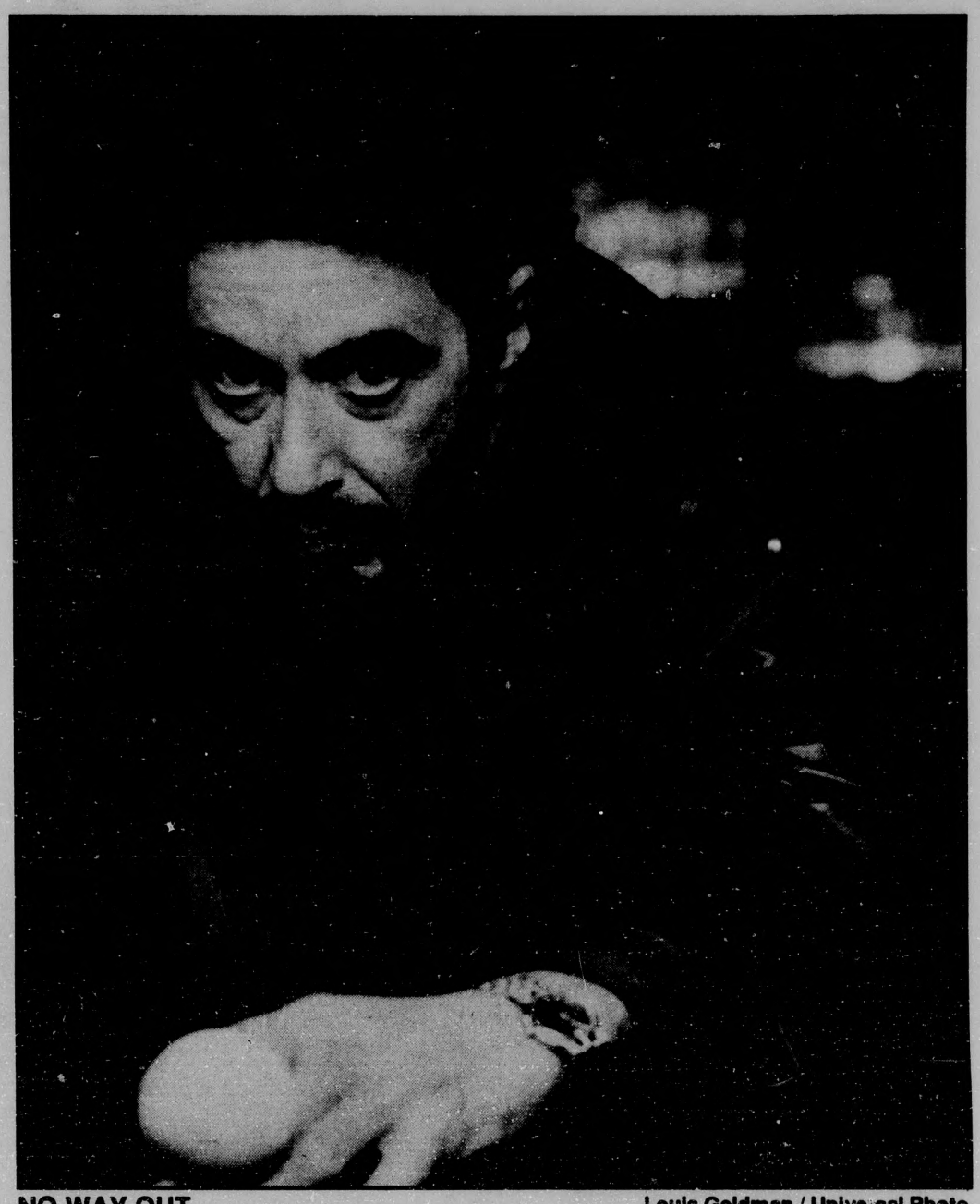
Be warned, though. This is not family fare. With occasional nudity, copious profanity, adult situations and graphic violence, this movie is not for the squeamish.

For action afficionados, Carlito's Way presents a couple of the most realistic, well choreographed, and spectacular gun battles to be wrapped around a movie reel in some time.

If blazing .45s and edge-of-your-seat tension are your cup of tea you'll like this movie.

Film Clips

- **Stars:** Al Pacino, Penelope Ann Miller, Sean Penn
- **Behind the scenes:** Based on the Edwin Torres novel, *Carlito's Way* and *After Hours,*. Directed by Brian De Palma. Produced by Martin Bregman, Willi Baer and Michael S. Bregman
- **Playing:** Now showing throughout Orange County
- **Playing time:** 2 hours 25 minutes
- **Rating:** R for violence, nudity and language
- **Grade:** A-
- **Bottom line:** Academy award winner Al Pacino takes on the tough man image trying to escape his criminal past and start a new life.



NO WAY OUT Louis Goldman / Universal Photo
Carlito Brigante, played by Al Pacino, is a hard-core gangster who gets out of prison to start a new life, in this riveting action drama "Carlito's Way."

What's kickin' in O.C.

FLICKS

"A Perfect World"
Good guy Kevin Costner turns hardened criminal who escapes prison and takes a seven-year-old boy hostage. Veteran actor Clint Eastwood plays the Texas Ranger in serious pursuit of the duo. Opens at local theaters Nov. 24.



DANCE

Les Ballets Africains
This is a story of wrong doing and redemption danced to the rhythms of African drums and native instruments. They perform on Nov. 20 at The Orange County Performing Arts Center. Student rush is $7 based on availability. Call 553-2422.

THEATER

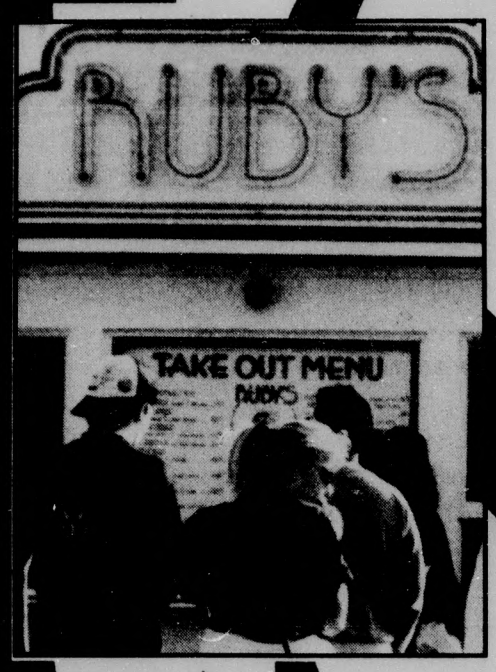
Holiday fantasy
Relive your childhood. Check out The Nutcracker at The Orange County Performing Arts Center. Prices begin at $18. Call 556-2787 for performance schedule.

SALE

Shop 'til you drop
If you're looking for unique gift ideas try the Faculty and Student Holiday Art Sale on Dec.1-2 at the Santa Ana Campus. The art and photography departments are featuring pottery, crafts, jewelry, paintings and much more. Proceeds from a designated pottery table will go to the American Red Cross to benefit the Laguna fire victims.

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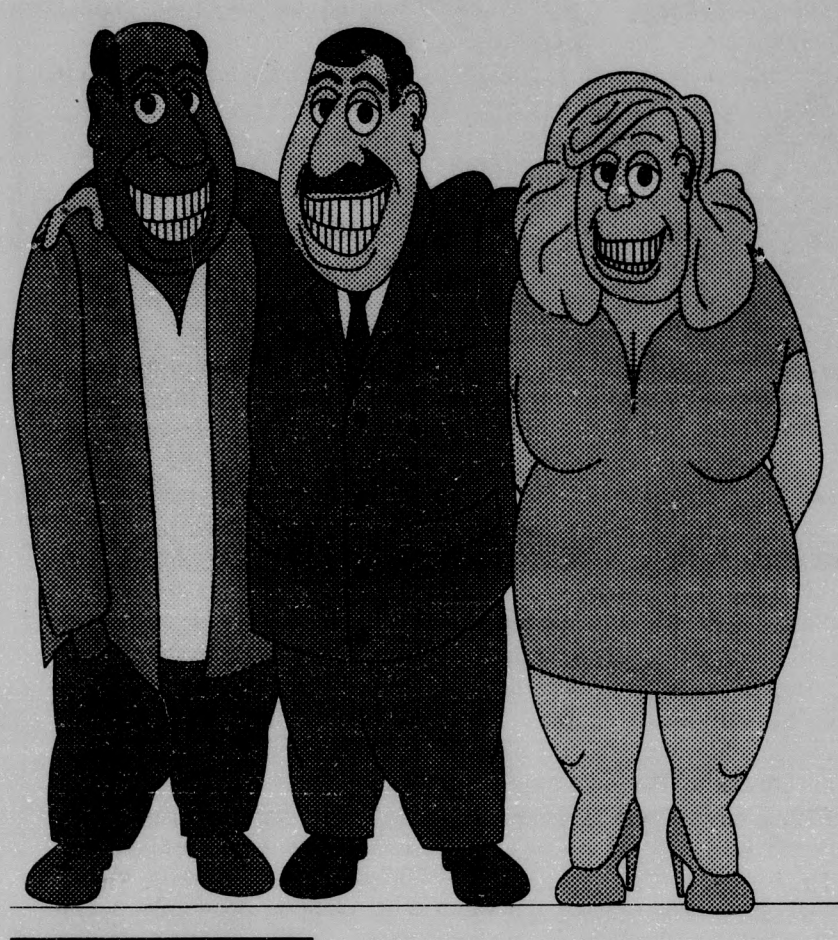
Burger time
Feeling nostalgic? Try an evening at the Balboa Fun Zone and ride the antique ferris-wheel. Then top it off with a burger and fries from Ruby's, a '50s cafe on the pier.



Tips for the Hips

Don't 'weight' until the holiday season is over to start counting the calories. Reducing fat intake can make feasting healthier while staying traditional.

By Erin Neal
el Don Staff Writer



On the average, American's can expect to gain about 10 pounds over the holidays, according to the Center for Health Statistics.

Although holidays aren't the best time of year to think about dieting, reducing your fat intake can make your feasting healthier and at the same time keep them traditional.

Sue, a registered dietician at the American Dietetic Association, said there are a few things that we should all keep in mind during the holidays.

"Don't go to a party hungry. Limit yourself to five hors d'oeuvres. Then, mingle and socialize to get your mind off of eating and drinking," said Sue. "Lots of hors d'oeuvres are fried and many of them contain meat, which is very fattening," she said.

She also stressed the importance of eating in moderation and suggested that we should take doggy bags home.

"The food will still be there in the morning," she said.

So now we know how to control ourselves at a party. But what do we do when it comes time to sit down at the dinner table for that monstrous holiday meal?

First, instead of preparing a whole roasted turkey with stuffing, the centerpiece of the healthy holiday dinner can be skinless turkey breast with stuffing baked separately.

According to the ADA, baking the stuffing separately helps to reduce the fat and calories in the meal because the stuffing doesn't soak up the fat from the turkey.

You might want to try adding vegetable broth to the stuffing to add moisture. Vegetable broth contains one gram of fat per serving, while turkey fat is 100 percent fat.

Canned turkey gravy is very high in fat. A more healthy gravy can be make with pan drippings skimmed of fat.

Rather than serving creamed peas, which have about 160 calories and seven grams of fat per serving, prepare some fresh peas with pearl onions. They contain 31 calories and a negligible amount of fat.

A baked sweet potato with a pat of butter is healthier than canned sweet potatoes.

Try substituting hot apple cider for eggnog, which has an unbelievable 20 grams of fat per eight ounce serving. The fat and calorie intake can almost be cut in half by serving pumpkin pie instead of pecan pie.

Mother's Market and Kitchen in Costa Mesa has turkey flavor slices for the vegetarian in the family.

It is important not to eliminate all fats. Doing so would put you at risk for essential fatty acids deficiency, Sue said.

Book Review:

Secret Love

Their affection for each other is the one thing that keeps them apart in 'The Bridges of Madison County'

Darlyn Lee
el Don Staff Writer

"The Bridges of Madison County" is the simple story of a middle-aged man and woman who find themselves involved in an extraordinary love affair during four days in the August of 1965.

Robert Kincaid, 52, is a loner who feels out of harmony with his time. Francesca Johnson, 45, is an Iowa farm wife with memories of her childhood in Italy.

Kincaid, a photographer for National Geographic, is assigned to shoot the covered bridges of Madison County. Having found all but one of the bridges, Kincaid stops in a farm lane looking for directions to the bridge known as Roseman.

It is in front of her farmhouse that Kincaid meets Johnson for the first time.

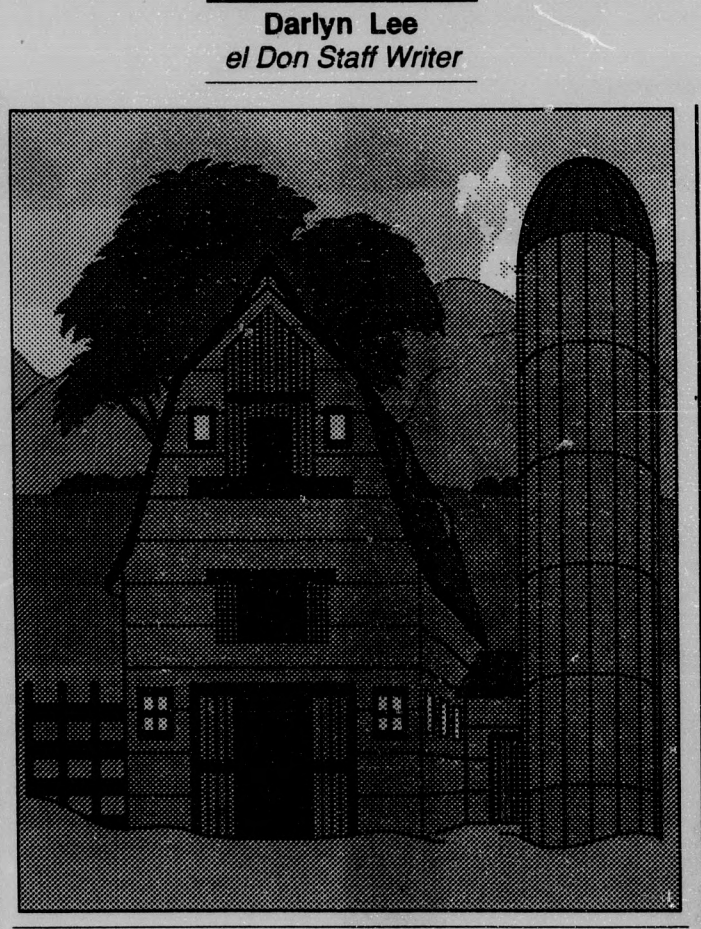
Although contented with their lives, the lovers find the passion they have been missing, with each other.

But the situation is complicated by Johnson's marriage and two children.

Her marriage, based on respect and understanding offers her security and a home but lacks the passion she had dreamt of.

For Kincaid, the life of a photographer offers him the freedom to roam, and the independence to remain true to his art. But he begins to realize that his views of life are out of step with everyone else's.

When the two come together, they create a new being. A being that fills them with passion and life.



The Bridges of Madison County
By Robert James Waller
Warner Books: $16.95

The remarkable aspect of this story is that it is true. Johnson and Kincaid were real people who lived their lives secretly loving each other.

The love affair remained unknown until after their deaths when Johnson's children discovered her journals.

Robert James Waller used the journals to recreate the love affair.

Although, Waller said he tried to stay true to the story as it was written in the journals, the dialogue between the two lovers seems quite often to come from Waller's imagination.

While it is easy to become lost as the two lovers discuss their future and philosophies, the dialogue is more often like a bad script on an afternoon soap opera. But the fact that this is a story about real people who find real love makes the book appealing.

"Bridges" is a welcome diversion in a decade of broken love affairs and increasing divorce rates.

It rekindles a belief that there is true love and it can come at anytime.

This book is Waller's first novel. His other works include two books of essays, "Just Beyond the Firefight" and "One Good Road is Enough."

Waller is also a photographer, musician, and a professor of management at the University of Northern Iowa.

Opinion



■Staff Editorials

Why be thankful? Look around...

Thanksgiving day arrives this year amid downtrodden spirits and incredible disaster in Orange County. This special time that is usually saved for reflections of good times, will be different this year. Images of the recent fires, hundreds of charred homes and mudslides will undoubtedly fill the minds of many on Thursday.

Some of the effects of these fires, which consumed over 15,000 Orange County acres, might not be felt for a few months or more, depending on the amount of rainfall we receive. Mudslides effectively closed Pacific Coast Highway last week when a half inch of rain fell on Laguna Beach. Imagine the fears of those whose homes weren't destroyed as they watched the surrounding hill soak up water till they seemed ready to burst. Residents lucky enough to escape the firestorms now face the very real possibility of having their homes swallowed as the rain season nears. Hillsides that were once home to deer, squirrels and the world-renowned gnatcatcher are now bald, fire-charred mudpiles unable to hold any more water.

Last year's heavy rains were praised for ending Southern California's drought. They helped to thicken the already dense foliage on south county hillsides that created more fuel for the recent fires. Significant rain in the near future would slide right down the brushless hills, taking part of the hill with it. This could prove disastrous for residents of the fire-stricken areas.

Although Southern California as a whole needs more rain, we hope that it comes slowly this year; possibly avoiding more mudslides and saving Laguna and other areas from compounded disasters.

As we approach the holiday season, take a good look around. If you are able, give of yourself during this time to those in need. Fire victims may be displaced for months. We encourage those who can help to do so in any way they can.

Donations may be sent to the American Red Cross at P.O. box 11364 Santa Ana, CA 92711; or you may call 835-5381.

Thirty years ago...

This Monday isn't a holiday but it should be a day of reflection as it marks the 30th anniversary of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

His reign in Camelot, as his presidency has been called, started on Jan. 20, 1961 and ended that fateful day in 1963 when shots rang out killing the 35th president of the United States in Dallas, Tex.

Kennedy's life became legendary with remarkable events happening throughout. None more memorable than bringing this country through one of the scariest moments in our history. In the ice-box atmosphere of the Cold War, his leadership and calm presence during the Cuban missile crisis endeared him to Americans of all ages, races and cultures.

We can only wonder what might have happened if he were given the opportunity to finish his term and perhaps a second one.

It seems like everyone has their own conspiracy theory, ranging from a second gunman to Oswald's involvement with the KGB, Cubans, CIA and the mob.

We'll probably never know the whole truth now. It's time to let the man rest in peace, keeping his memory inside us all.

Random Notes from Jason Reed

The case of the atheist Boy Scouts has returned. They're back, and it's like a People's Court nightmare. A hearing was held by the 4th District Court of Appeals on Tuesday in which the Boy Scouts of America are trying to reverse a decision that forced them to admit two atheist Anaheim boys. The boys were expelled from the scouts in 1991 after they refused to recite the "duty to God" portion of the cub scout pledge.

I was arguing with a colleague this afternoon about this case. He explained that he would choose to protect the rights of the individual over the rights of the group. Thus allowing the boys admittance. The boys shouldn't be forced to pledge a duty to god if they choose not to.

While I agree with him on the necessity of protecting the rights of the individual, in this case, we disagree on who the individual is. I believe that the Boy Scouts represent the individual and the atheist boys represent the group. You see, when one normally speaks of group vs. individual rights, it's a large group trying to push their ideas on the individuals. In this instance however, the individuals are asking the government to force a large group to accept their views. It's just not right. The Boy Scouts are a private organization. Why should they be forced to admit those that won't follow the rules? It's just another situation where the courts have decided that people have the "right" to do anything they want--even if they trample the rights of others in doing so.

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What's up with the Michael Jackson Hour? (It used to be called the evening news). I understand that as possibly the most recognizable face in the world, many want to know where Jackson is. Did he really molest that boy? Is he hiding out because of all the bad P.R. or did he have a terrible accident involving bleach, the glove and Pepsi?

I personally could care less what happens. If he did nothing illegal, I hope people leave him alone. If he sexually abused a child, he'll hopefully get tossed in the joint, where (as you can imagine) he'll be quite a popular fellow.

Will he even come back to the U.S.? Guess we'll all have to wait and see..

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Poor Lorena Bobbitt. She's a victim. She chops off her husband's willy and *she's* a victim. A jury acquits him of marital rape and *she's* a victim. Her testimony was contradictory and it appears that she cut with scissors the underwear she claimed her husband ripped off her--*she's* still a victim.

This ghastly case has garnered a tremendous amount of publicity. Bobbitt, after hacking off the penis of her husband, John Wayne Bobbitt, was featured in a sexy/sleazy photo-essay in Vanity Fair magazine. Did any of the militant feminists so proud of the blade-babe disapprove of this? I doubt it. She did what many of them wish they could do; and she was unapologetic. She's the victim right?

After the attack, Lorena Bobbitt told police that she sliced her husband's penis off because "he always has an orgasm, and he doesn't wait for me...I don't think it's fair so I pulled back the sheets and I did it." She's still the victim though. This story doesn't sound much like her later version, the one that paints her more like a victim; something she definitely needs no help with.

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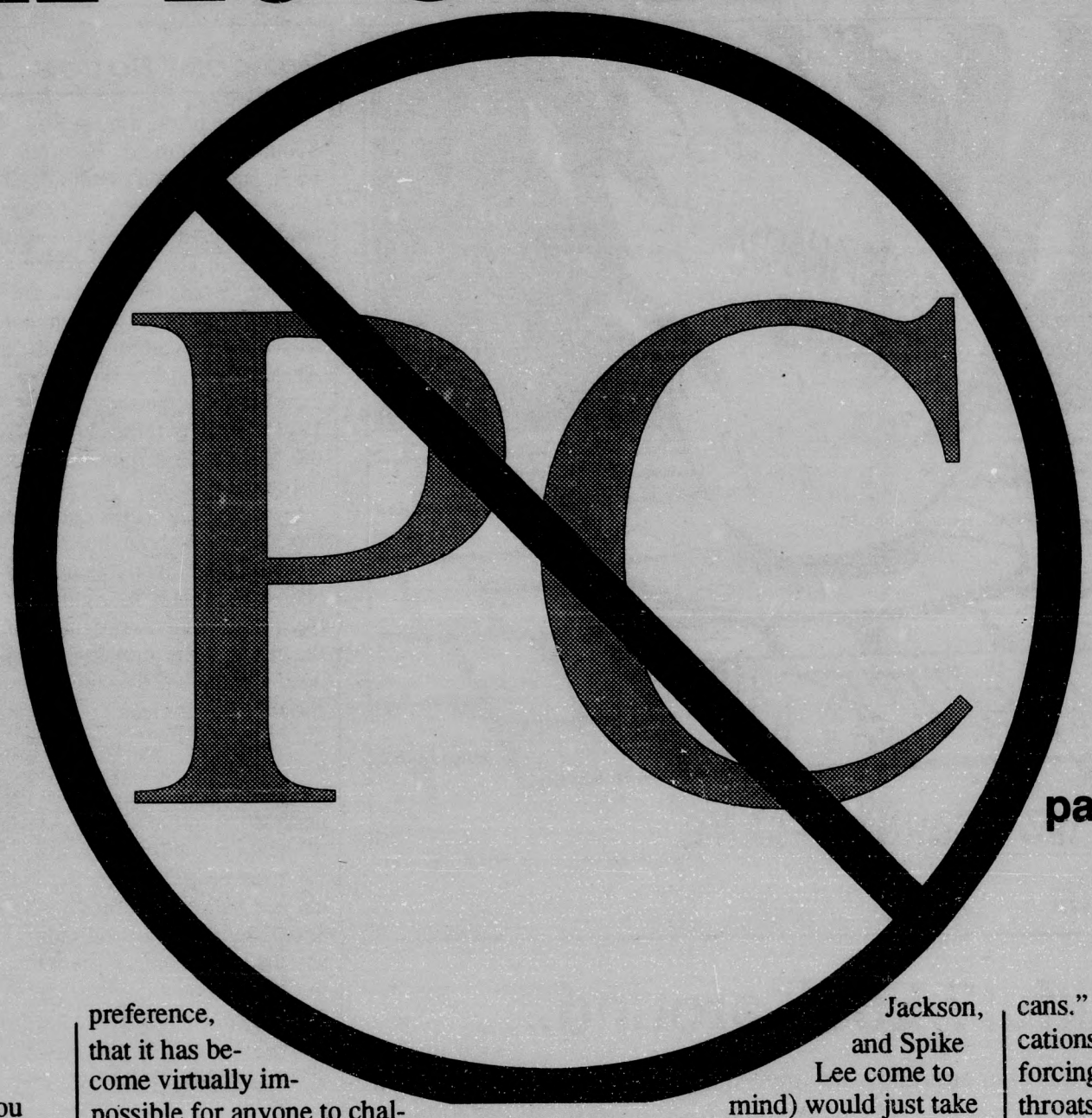
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— C.P. Scott

Will it ever end?



■ Compound Americans, civil rights activists and the movement toward a politically correct culture threaten the "melting pot" image of the real America.

"You will never see me press charges against the makers of Lucky Charms because their icon, Lucky the Leprechaun, paints an improper picture of "Irish-Americans."

By Jason A. Spielfogel
el Don Staff Writer

WARNING!!! Most of what you are about to read is very anti-politically correct. Reader discretion is advised. Please don the set of anti-P.C. sensitive glasses provided. Management assumes no liability for any reactions, psychological quagmires, or revolutions of ideologies which may result from exposure to the following material.

What follows are some varied reactions I've had to certain cancerous trends that are becoming all too commonplace. If you're an overly sensitive person, please skip this piece and turn the page. Remember, you don't have to read this.

I've just about had it up to my ears with the politically correct rhetoric that seems to have proliferated through every medium of communication in the last five years. It seems that in this litigation-happy environment, people (and organizations, including the media) are so scared of stepping on anyone's political beliefs, religion, ethnic makeup, or sexual preference, that it has become virtually impossible for anyone to challenge anything without being labeled a racist or closed-minded (these are the kinder adjectives, I assure you).

While I don't personally believe in preaching hate, I will firmly hold that the right to preach it is protected in our most sacred, and thus first, amendment. It states quite clearly, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

This is, has to be, the most sacred of our laws. Without the right of self-expression, all other laws become moot in the wake of ideological oppression. But, sometimes common sense should tell you when you're pushing the limit. Then again, as someone once said, "The two most abundant things in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity."

If all the civil rights activists (Jesse Jackson, and Spike Lee come to mind) would just take a second and look around, they would notice that they preach the same hatred they are constantly whining about. They also might notice that by forcing one person's ethnicity down another person's throat does more to breed racism than to cure it.

African-American, Mexican-American, Asian-American. Why can't people just be American or not American. And please, no more of this Native-American nonsense. A native American is someone who was born in America, plain and simple. Technically speaking, North America has no indigenous peoples. American Indians, if you remember your history, migrated across the Bering Strait during the end of the last ice age. I'm an American (native, I was born in Long Beach) with English, Irish, Scottish, German, Polish, and Russian heritage. Yet you will never see me press charges against the makers of Lucky Charms because their icon, Lucky the Leprechaun, paints an improper picture of "Irish-Americans." By pushing for these classifications of Americans, combined with forcing their heritages down our throats, an illusion is created. This illusion is that immigrants who come to this country and their descendants don't really wish to assimilate with the resident culture. Studies done by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on immigrants show that this could not be further from the truth.

200 years ago, the immigrants of this country brought their heritage with them. But they coupled this ancestral pride with a longing to become a part of a greater whole, to contribute what they could of their culture, and to absorb some of what everybody else brought from their countries as well. This "melting pot" gave Americans a strength and pride that, I feel, has never been paralleled in modern society.

We as a nation, must look toward America as a whole. The strength of equality needs to regain its place of superiority over that of individuality. Both are important, but if we are to prosper, or even survive, the needs of the many must outweigh the needs of the few.

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■ We asked some RSC students what they are thankful for. These are some of the responses we received.



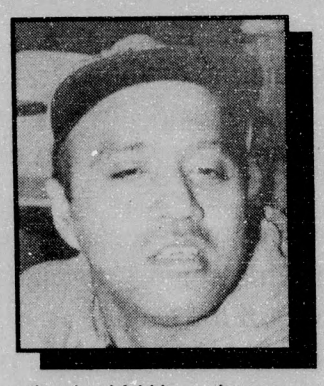
"I'm thankful for being able to be with my parents who I haven't lived with all my life."

Laura Tejada



"I'm thankful for having good friends and a strong family to support me through school."

Bao Her



"I'm thankful I have the opportunity to work and go to school in spite of all the economic downfalls we're in."

Albert Sinha



"I'm thankful that environmental awareness is steadily increasing as we move towards a global community."

Jeff Smith

Sportsline

SCOREBOARD

W. V-BALL

Wed. Nov. 10
RSC 15 15 16
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Next Game:
Today
Saddleback
7 p.m.

SOCCER

Thur. Nov. 11
RSC 4
Cypress 2

Next Game:
Today
at Home
3 p.m.

WATER POLO

Wed. Nov. 10
RSC 11
LBCC 15

Next Game:
End
of
Season

WRESTLING

Wed. Nov. 10
RSC 30
Mt. SAC 16

Next Game:
Nov. 24
at Cerritos
7:30 p.m.

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Mission Conference Central Division

TEAM	DIVISION W L T	OVERALL W L T
Riverside	4 0 0	5 4 0
OCC	3 1 0	6 3 0
Saddleback	2 2 0	5 4 0
G. West	2 2 0	4 5 0
RSC	1 3 0	3 5 1
Fullerton	0 4 0	3 6 0

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

RSC	41	Fullerton	35
Riverside	42	G. West	21
OCC	17	Saddleback	0

SCHEDULE
Sat. Nov. 20

RSC at Saddleback 7 p.m.
Riverside at Fullerton 7 p.m.
Golden West at Orange Coast 7 p.m.

RSC lights up Cypress in three straight games

WOMEN'S GYM - RSC's women's volleyball team flattened Cypress College in three straight games Nov. 10, 15-4, 15-4, 16-14.

Rancho overpowered the Chargers in the first two games, but slowed down in the third allowing Cypress to take the lead.

Rather than give in, the Dons refocused and rallied with a close two-point victory in the third 16-14.

Outside hitters Brenda Parks and Chris Vega had 11 and 9 kills, respectively. Middle blocker Jackie Lyen added 6 kills and team captain and setter Kathy Farina contributed to the victory with 24 assists.

In another Orange Empire Conference game Nov. 12, the Dons succumbed to Riverside in a hard fought five-game match.

The Dons won the first two games 16-14 and 18-16 but lost the third game, when Riverside finally brought in their best player. Errant passing contributed to Rancho's defeat. RSC lost games three and four 15-5 and 15-2.

Down 13-6 in the fifth game, the Dons rallied back, tied it at 13 but could not finish the match in their favor. Riverside won the fifth game 16-14.

Dons swat Hornets

■ Reserve linebacker Kevin Pola rushes for over 100 yards; Dons even up series with Fullerton

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Sports Editor

SANTA ANA STADIUM - While millions of people were supposedly watching 'the game of the century' between No. 1 ranked Florida State and No. 2 rated Notre Dame last Saturday, the few hundred spectators at Santa Ana Stadium saw one of the best community college games of the year as Rancho Santiago defeated Fullerton 41-35.

The Hornets jumped out to an early 14-0 lead after the first quarter. It looked like the Dons were going to get blown out of the game.

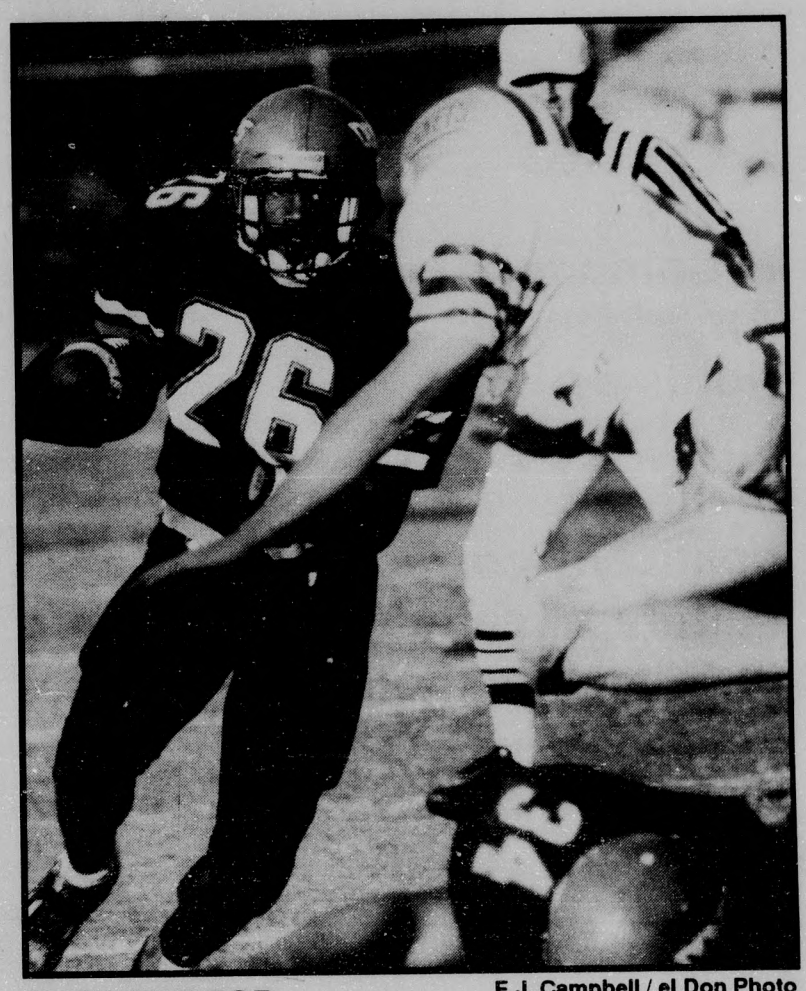
But Rancho responded early in the second quarter, as quarterback Gabe Garcia ran a quarterback draw on fourth down and goal from the one-yard line to cut the Fullerton lead in half at 14-7.

The Hornets wasted no time in upping their lead back to 14 points when quarterback Josh Nelson threw a 56-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Vince Wilson. Fullerton led 21-7 early in the second.

RSC scored 17 unanswered points to close out the first half. The Dons led Fullerton 24-21 at intermission.

In the second half, the teams traded touchdowns before the Hornets finally took the lead on a 5-yard run by Wilson. Fullerton led 35-31 going into the fourth quarter.

Nurick hit a 40-yard field goal to pull the Dons within one at 35-34, then with 1:21 left in the game, Garcia hit wide receiver Kwabene Idelette from 16 yards out to give RSC the victory.



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OVER THE TOP
A Hornet defender leaps over an RSC player to try and tackle Dons' running back Ernest Wilson (26) during RSC's victory.

RSC runners place second in OEC finals

By Bernie Sanders Jr
el Don Staff Writer

Rancho Santiago comes away with a conference title; well at least that's how the coaches and athletes feel in the track and field community. The Dons took second place in the Orange Empire Conference Finals.

Riverside Community College finished first with yet another conference title. RCCs team recruitment of several top-rated Africans and other foreign runners give them an edge in competition, compared to other community colleges who run with local and state talent.

The top men's runner at RSC, Fidel Zavala felt the weather conditions were less than ideal, saying it was very smoggy and hot. However the team ran an incredible race.

Four teams out of the OEC conference will make it to state, they include RSC, RCC, Orange Coast and Irvine Valley.

"These are two of the best teams RSC has had in the history of the school," said Head Coach Al Siddons, who won Coach of the Year last season. "They are taking care of business in and out of the classroom."

The women had a course record set by Emebet Shiferaw of RCC with a time of 17:11. But Irvine Valley College came away with their third OEC title in three years.

Rancho's women's team finished fifth, led by Sonia Perez with a time of 18:34. Perez has had an excellent season finishing first for the Dons in most of their meets.

Thania Cruz, Monique Serrano, Carmen Payan also had very impressive seasons and helped propel the Dons to state.

Yolanda Alvarez, Suzanna Serna, Rhonda Erwin, Areceli and Lidia Estrada also ran a strong race for the Dons and hope to improve their efforts at the state finals.

RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE
Athletes of the week

LADY DONS
VOLLEYBALL

Pos. / Yr.
Middle blocker/Sophomore

Major: Child Development

Stats: Lyen had 5 kills and 16 digs against Riverside and 6 kills and 7 digs vs. Cypress.



"I want to be an elementary school teacher. I am transfering after this semester to Cal State Fullerton."

Jackie Lyen

LADY DONS
VOLLEYBALL

Pos. / Yr.
Outside hitter/Sophomore

Major: Athletic Trainer

Stats: Whitman had 3 kills, 5 assists and 11 digs in a win over Cypress and 5 kills, 3 assists and 7 digs in a loss to Riverside.



"My future plan is to be an athletic trainer. I don't know what school I want to go to yet but I want to go to one that has all the requirements I need."

Alex Whitman

Rancho fixin' to corral Gauchos

■ Dons plan to end season with victory over last year's JC Grid Wire National Champions

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Sports Editor

The Dons' season comes to an end this Saturday night as they go on the road to face Saddleback College.

RSC is 3-5-1 and coming off a win over rival Fullerton, but they plan on ending the season on a winning note against Saddleback. The Gauchos are 5-4 and come off a shutout loss to Orange Coast 17-0.

"We are struggling," said Dr. Ken Swearingen, Saddleback head coach. "You can't expect to have a season like last year and expect the same thing to happen this year."

The Saddleback offense has been inconsistent all year. The Gauchos have used numerous quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs and have not had the same starting line-up all season long. Nothing has seemed to work. The defense is what has kept Saddleback afloat this season. The Gauchos are solid at linebacker and in the defensive line.

"The Rancho Santiago's offense is excellent," said Swearingen. "We're going to have to slow them down, because they are really balanced both in their running and passing game."

Some provided incentive for RSC is the fact that the Dons lost 49-7 last year and have lost 11 of 12 games in the overall series.

"We have to not make mistakes," said Dave Ogas, Dons' head coach. "We have to make the big play offensively and not give up the big play defensively."



WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Saddleback Field

SERIES: Saddleback won last year's contest 49-7. The Gauchos lead the Dons in the overall series 11-1.

HEAD COACHES: Dave Ogas is in his 12th season as Dons' coach with a record of 59-60-2. Ken Swearingen is in his 17th year as Saddleback head coach with a record of 143-37-1.

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